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MEMORANDUM FOR: Miss Elizabeth Sudmeier

THROUGH : **Deputy Director for Plans**

THROUGH : **Chief, NE Division**

SUBJECT : **Certificate of Distinction**

1. The Honor and Merit Awards Board is pleased to notify you that the award named above will be conferred on you in recognition of the excellent service you have rendered this Agency. Security considerations relevant to the award are explained in the attached memorandum from the Office of Security.

2. The award will be presented to you at a ceremony to be held in the near future. Members of your family, Agency associates, and intimate friends who are aware of your Agency affiliation may attend the ceremony.

3. Invitations to the ceremony will be extended by the Executive Secretary, Honor and Merit Awards Board, Office of Personnel, extension Magazine Building. Please send to that office the names and phone numbers of the guests you would like to have invited, and indicate any dates on which you would not be available for such a ceremony.

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REPORT OF HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS BOARD				Executive Registry		DATE	
				[Redacted]		14 March 1972	
The Honor and Merit Awards Board having considered a recommendation that:							
SERIAL OR ID NO.	NAME (Last-First-Middle)	BIRTHYEAR	SEX	TYPE EMPLOYEE			
[Redacted]	SUDMEIER, Elizabeth	1912	F	Staff			
OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT		SD	SCHEDULE	GRADE	STATION		
CS/NE		D	GS	13			
BE AWARDED							
Certificate of Distinction							
☐ FOR HEROIC ACTION ON							
☒ FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE OR ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PERIOD September 1947 - Present							
☒ RECOMMENDS APPROVAL							
☐ DOES NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL							
☐ RECOMMENDS AWARD OF							
UNCLASSIFIED CITATION							
Miss Elizabeth Sudmeier is hereby awarded the Certificate of Distinction in recognition of her sustained superior performance throughout her Agency career. As a charter member of the Agency, Miss Sudmeier has served in a series of important positions both at home and abroad. Her performance in each assignment has been characterized by complete dedication, enthusiasm, and versatility. She is a highly skilled officer whose overall contributions have been significant and reflect most creditably on her and the Central Intelligence Agency.							
REMARKS							
(Recommendation approved by ADD/P on 25 February 1972)							
APPROVED  W. E. Colby DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Executive Director 31 MAR 1972 DATE				SIGNATURE TYPED NAME SIGNATURE TYPED NAME			
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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOR OR MERIT AWARD

(Submit in triplicate - see HR 20-37)

SECTION A

PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED (Last, First, Middle) SUDMEIER, Elizabeth (NMI)		3. POSITION TITLE Reports Officer	4. GRADE GS-13	5. SD D
6. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT NE		7. OFFICE EXT. (If has) XX		
8. STATION HEADQUARTERS		9. FIELD (Specify location)		
10. HOME ADDRESS (No. St., City, State, ZIP Code)		11. HOME PHONE		
12. RECOMMENDED AWARD Certificate of Distinction		13. IF RETIRING DATE OF RETIREMENT 31 May 1972		
14. POSTHUMOUS YES		15. POSTHUMOUS X		
16. NAME OF NEXT OF KIN		17. RELATIONSHIP		18. HOME ADDRESS (No., St., City, State, ZIP Code)
19. HOME PHONE		20. HOME PHONE		

SECTION B

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROIC ACTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF HAZARD

19. WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO THE ACT		YES	NO
PERSONNEL IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD:			
20. FULL NAME	21. ORGN. TITLE	22. GRADE	23. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN ACT:			
24. FULL NAME	25. AWARD RECOMMENDED		
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED:			
26. LOCATION	27. INCLUSIVE DATES	28. TIME OF DAY	
29. PREVAILING GEOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS AND OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED			
30. DATES FOR WHICH AWARD RECOMMENDED		31. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	32. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT
		YES	NO
		YES	NO

SECTION C

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE, OR PERFORMANCE

33. DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE		YES	X	NO
34. OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT OF PERSON RECOMMENDED AT TIME OF SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE For extended service over the period 31 March 1947-31 May 1972				
35. COMPONENT OR STATION (Designation and location) Various Headquarters and overseas assignments.				
36. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSIGNED POSITION Reports and Requirements Officer and Operational Case Officer				
37. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED 31 March 1947-31 May 1972		38. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	39. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT	
		XX	YES	NO
		XX	YES	NO
PERSONNEL WHO ASSISTED OR CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE				
40. FULL NAME	41. ORGN. TITLE	42. GRADE	43. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT	
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PERFORMANCE				
44. FULL NAME	45. TYPE OF AWARD			

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SECTION D		NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	
Award for Heroic Action or Acceptance of Hazard: Was act voluntary? Describe why act was outstanding, and if it was more than normally expected. Explain, why, and how. If an aerial or marine operation, describe type and position of craft, crew position of individual, and all unusual circumstances. Indicate results of the act. Enclose unclassified citation. Award for Achievement, Service, or Performance: State character of service during period for which recommended. (Give complete description of administrative, technical, or professional duties and responsibilities if not covered in Section C; include dates of assignment and relief.) What did the individual do that merits the award? Why was this outstanding when compared to others of like grade and experience in similar positions or circumstances? If appropriate, include production records and assistance rendered by other persons or units. What obstacles were encountered or overcome? Indicate results of achievement, service, or performance. Include reference to Fitness Reports, Letters of Commendation, or other documentation already on file which supports this recommendation. Enclose unclassified citation.			
Please see attached memorandum.			
☐ CONTINUED ON ATTACHED SHEET			
46. ENCLOSURES (List individually) IF ORIGINATOR IS NOT AN EYEWITNESS OR DOES NOT HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR PERFORMANCE. ATTACH AFFIDAVITS OF EYEWITNESS OR INDIVIDUALS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS. 1. PROPOSED CITATION 2. 3.			
47. RECOMMENDATION INITIATED BY		9. DATE 31 JAN 1972	
SECTION E RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED THROUGH OFFICIALS CONCERNED FOR THEIR INFORMATION			
50. HEAD OF <u>D</u> CAREER SERVICE (Career service of nominee)	TITLE AND SIGNATURE		DATE
	See Item 52		
51. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICE	TITLE AND SIGNATURE		DATE
	See Item 52		
52. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATING COMPONENT	Deputy Director for Plans		DATE
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~~SECRET~~Miss Elizabeth Sudmeier

Miss Sudmeier has served the Central Intelligence Agency for more than 25 years with distinction and unselfish devotion. In her performance as a Reports and Requirements Officer and as an Operational Case Officer she has made significant contributions. Her record is the more creditable for having been compiled in what remains the predominantly male intelligence business. Her performance over this extended period, marked by complete dedication, enthusiasm, versatility, and intelligence, reflects great credit on Miss Sudmeier and merits deserved recognition as the culmination of her career with the Agency.

After World War II service as a WAC, Miss Sudmeier joined the CIG in 1947 as a conference reporter. Following several years of duty in Washington she was transferred

[redacted] This tour of duty, which was served during a highly critical period, saw her contribute substantially to psychological warfare and political action planning. She was also called upon later to assume administrative functions as well as increased responsibility for operational and intelligence reporting.

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At the completion of her [redacted] she was transferred [redacted]. Arriving here at the height of the post-revolutionary, anti-American, pro-Communist period, she unhesitatingly plunged into a variety of support and operational jobs which contributed substantially to the production of a Station limited in size and faced with enormous and critical requirements. During this tour which she typically agreed to extend from two years to three because there was no qualified replacement for her, her contributions were so far beyond the requirements of her regular duties that in recognition of her outstanding performance she was nominated by the Chief of Station to receive the Intelligence Medal of Merit. Miss Sudmeier was awarded the medal on 25 June 1962.

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Following this assignment and after serving a brief tour in Headquarters, Miss Sudmeier was sent to [redacted]

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[redacted] where she continued to perform in her customary, outstanding fashion. In 1967 she was re-assigned to Washington, D. C.

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The accomplishments described add up to an important contribution to CIA's mission. It could only have been made by an officer of Miss Sudmeier's outstanding qualities. Early in her career she had become a wholly professional officer with a deep understanding of not only her immediate area of responsibility but also of the intelligence process. This helped her to be very nearly the indispensable officer in successive assignments over the years.

Miss Sudmeier's consistent display of a high degree of professional competence, thoroughness, imagination, willingness to devote long hours to her work, and to assist in operations which at times meant considerable risks and inconvenience to herself certainly is deserving of special recognition. It is therefore highly recommended that she be awarded the Certificate of Distinction.

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